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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/731,237 :  
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.